

SENATOR CLARK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I would ask for suspension of rules at this time to bring up this resolution. I was a personal friend of Tom Coffey. I happen to be in Fort Collins over the weekend when Tom Coffey died and I would appreciate merely getting this resolution through so we can send it to Zelma, his wife, and the three daughters. I would ask for suspension of the rules.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? The question is the suspension of the rules so that this resolution may be taken up. Record your vote on the matter of suspension of the rules. We have in the South Balcony or we had, I'm not sure, 9 day care children from Epworth Day Care School. Is that your group? That is from Senator Maxey's district. I think perhaps they have come and gone, Senator Maxey. Please vote. It takes 30 votes. Record.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays on motion to suspend the rules.

PRESIDENT: They are suspended.

SENATOR CLARK: Mr. President and members. I'd move for the adoption of the resolution. Any of those wishing to sign the resolution I'm sure would be appreciated by Mrs. Coffey.

PRESIDENT: You've heard the motion. Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Having served with Tom Coffey in the Legislature and I think Senator Marvel had too and I don't know if anyone else here also has, but a very fine gentleman, a great servant to the state of Nebraska, and I would ask that a unanimous ballot be cast then to anyone's name also be added to the resolution.

PRESIDENT: The question is the adoption of the resolution. Please vote. Have you all voted? Record the vote Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 31 ayes on the motion to adopt.

PRESIDENT: The resolution is adopted. Senator Schmit.

CLERK: Mr. President, Legislative Resolution 46 is found on page 1245 of the Legislative Journal. It was first introduced on April 4 and laid over. Read LR 46.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. This resolution was introduced by a number of members of the body. You will recall, of course, that when Mr. Zarb was here last week, he made reference to the gasohol program in Nebraska. The program, of course, has been in existence for some six years now. The principal impact of that program is to relieve the state tax on gasoline which contains a blend of grain alcohol. You have been aware of recent news items which indicated that there will be an extensive increase in the federal gasoline tax proposed within perhaps a few days. It was our belief that perhaps the federal government, if it was really serious about encouraging the development of alternative sources of fuel, could forgive the tax on fuels that were produced from synthetic sources or in fact from renewable sources, such as grain alcohol. Whether or not it will ever come to pass is hard to tell but we are now